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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6330**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 273

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 8, 2009

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Unemployment Administrative Law Judges.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Tallian

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**    **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires that an administrative law judge employed by the Department of Workforce Development to hear unemployment claims must be an attorney admitted to the practice of law before the Indiana Supreme Court.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Currently, the Department of Workforce Development employs 28 administrative law judges. All the administrative law judges are attorneys. In the past the department has used experienced claims deputies as administrative law judges when there has been a significant increase in the number of appeals. Administrative law judge salaries start at about \$37,000, while salaries for hearing officers who are not attorneys start at about \$26,000. There should not be a significant impact on the department.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Workforce Development.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Joshua Richardson, Department of Workforce Development.

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